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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular trim component comprising:

a base;

an <u>uninterrupted</u> cover associated with the base, wherein the <u>uninterrupted</u> cover includes comprises an integrally-formed aesthetic feature configured to simulate a seam <u>comprising a pair of stitchings</u>.

- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the aesthetic feature comprises a pair of ridges formed in generally parallel fashion defining an indentation between the ridges, whereby the pair of ridges in cooperation with the indentation therebetween simulates a seam.
- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 2 wherein the ridges further comprise a rounded exterior.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 3-and further comprising a wherein the pair of stitchings is formed adjacent and generally parallel to the aesthetic feature whereby the pair of stitchings simulate a French seam in conjunction with the aesthetic feature.
- 5. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 3 and further comprising a series of indentations formed generally parallel to the aesthetic feature whereby the series of indentations simulate a French seam in conjunction with the aesthetic feature.
- (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 3 wherein the <u>uninterrupted</u> cover includes a first surface and a second surface disposed at a non-planar angle with respect to

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the first surface, and wherein an intersection area is defined between the first and second surfaces.

- 7. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 6 wherein the aesthetic feature is located on the intersection area of the first and second surface, whereby the location of the aesthetic feature on the intersection area between the first and second surfaces simulates that the first and second surfaces are stitched to one another.
- (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 7 wherein the <u>uninterrupted</u> cover further comprises a texture on an outer surface thereof.
- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 8 wherein the texture is selected to simulate a leather grain.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 1-and further comprising a wherein the pair of stitchings is formed adjacent and generally parallel to the aesthetic feature whereby the pair of stitchings simulate a French seam in conjunction with the aesthetic feature.
- 11. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 and further comprising a series of indentations formed generally parallel to the aesthetic feature whereby the series of indentations simulate a French seam in conjunction with the aesthetic feature.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the <u>uninterrupted</u> cover includes a first surface and a second surface disposed at a non-planar angle with respect to the first surface, and wherein an intersection area is defined between the first and second surfaces.
- 13. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 12 wherein the aesthetic feature is located on the intersection area of the first and second surface, whereby the location of the aesthetic feature on the intersection area between the first and second surfaces simulates that the first and second surfaces are stitched to one another.

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(Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the <u>uninterrupted</u> cover further comprises a texture on an outer surface thereof.

- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 14 wherein the texture is selected to simulate a leather grain.
- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the vehicular trim component comprises an arm rest.
- 17. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the vehicular trim component comprises a console cover.
- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the vehicular trim component comprises a door bolster.
- (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 1 wherein the vehicular trim component comprises a gear shift boot.
- (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 20-37 wherein the ridges further comprise a rounded exterior.
- 22. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 20-37 and further comprising a pair of stitchings formed adjacent and generally parallel to the pair of ridges whereby the pair of stitchings simulate a French seam in conjunction with the pair of ridges.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 20-37 and further comprising a series of indentations formed generally parallel to the pair of ridges whereby the series of indentations simulate a French seam in conjunction with the pair of ridges.

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24. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 20-37 wherein the item includes a first surface and a second surface disposed at a non-planar angle with respect to the first surface, and wherein an intersection area is defined between the first and second surfaces.

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25. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 24 wherein the pair of ridges are located on the intersection area of the first and second surface, whereby the location of the pair of ridges on the intersection area between the first and second surfaces simulates that the first and second surfaces are stitched to one another.

- 26. (Currently Amended) The vehicular trim component of claim 20-37 wherein the item further comprises a texture on an outer surface thereof.
- 27. (Original) The vehicular trim component of claim 26 wherein the texture is selected to simulate a leather grain.

28-36. (Cancelled)

37 (New) A simulated seam in a molded polymeric item comprising an uninterrupted cover portion, the simulated seam comprising:

a pair of ridges formed in generally parallel fashion along an interior portion of the uninterrupted cover portion; and

an indentation formed between the ridges in the uninterrupted cover portion:

whereby the pair of ridges in cooperation with the indentation therebetween simulates a butt seam.